



AN ACT CHANGING THE REPORTING PERIOD FOR ESTABLISHING EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY FOR THE QUALITY EDUCATOR LOAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FROM THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR TO THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR; AMENDING SECTION 20-4-502, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 20-4-502, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-4-502. Definitions. For purposes of this part, unless the context requires otherwise, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Education cooperative" means a cooperative of Montana public schools as described in 20-7-451.
- (2) "Educational loans" means all loans made pursuant to a federal loan program, except federal parent loans for undergraduate students (PLUS) loans, as provided in 20 U.S.C. 1078-2.
- (3) "Federal loan program" means educational loans authorized by 20 U.S.C. 1071, et seq., 20 U.S.C. 1087a, et seq., and 20 U.S.C. 1087aa, et seq.
- (4) (a) "Quality educator" means a full-time equivalent educator, as reported to the superintendent of public instruction for accreditation purposes in the ~~previous~~ current school year, who:
 - (i) holds a valid certificate under the provisions of 20-4-106 and is employed by an entity listed in subsection (4)(b) in a position that requires an educator license in accordance with administrative rules adopted by the board of public education; or
 - (ii) is a licensed professional under 37-8-405, 37-8-415, 37-11-301, 37-15-301, 37-17-302, 37-22-301, 37-23-201, 37-24-301, or 37-25-302 and is employed by an entity listed in subsection (4)(b) of this section to provide services to students.
- (b) For purposes of subsection (4)(a), an entity means:
 - (i) a school district;
 - (ii) an education cooperative;
 - (iii) the Montana school for the deaf and blind, as described in 20-8-101;

- (iv) the Montana youth challenge program; and
- (v) a state youth correctional facility, as defined in 41-5-103.
- (5) "School district" means a public school district, as provided in 20-6-101 and 20-6-701."

Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2009.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 0046, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

HOUSE BILL NO. 46
INTRODUCED BY J. FLEMING
BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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